

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 13, 21, 23, and 31 are amended. Claims 2, 4, 6, 10, 11, 15, 22, 24-26, 32, 33 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 12-14, 16-21, 23, 27-31, 34-38 remain in the application for consideration.

Telephone Conversation with Examiner Le

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the recent telephone conference regarding this application. During the conference, the Examiner indicated that several of the dependent claims contained allowable subject matter. Responsive to the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, Applicant has amended the claims to place the application in condition for allowance.

These amendments are in no way a concession as to the propriety of the Office's rejections. Rather, Applicant has simply placed the application in condition for allowance so that a patent will issue and the progress of the useful arts will be promoted.

Applicant reserves its right to prosecute one or more continuation applications to pursue subject matter that it believes it is clearly due.

Respectfully Submitted,

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